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## **BELTON MAN INDICTED ON METH, FIREARM CHARGES**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Belton, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today on methamphetamine and firearm charges.

**Shawn M. Roe**, 27, of Belton, was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Roe** possessed with intent to distribute five grams or more of methamphetamine on Oct. 9, 2004.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Roe** was a felon in possession of a firearm. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. The indictment alleges that **Roe** was in possession of a Davis Industries .32-caliber Derringer on Oct. 9, 2004.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph M. Marquez. The case was investigated by the Grandview, Mo., Police Department and the Jackson County Drug Task Force.

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